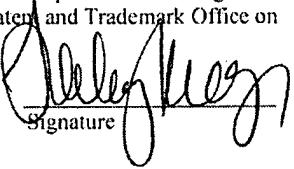


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In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 6, 2008, with the attached Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims based on the following.